Trial of AIDS vaccine

12. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that trial of AIDS vaccine is being undertaken at the National AIDS Research Institute in Pune on human volunteers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the vaccine is expected to become available for public use?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Trial of AIDS vaccine has been launched on 7th February, 2005, at National AIDS Research Institute, Pune on human volunteers.

The Adeno Associated Viral vaccine (AAV) is a candidate vaccine, which is undergoing Phase-I trial.

Phase-I trial would establish the safety and the immunogenicity of the vaccine, if Phase-I trial is successfufthen vaccine has to undergo Phase-II and Phase-Ill trial and that may take seven to ten years before efficacy of this vaccine is known.

Cancellation of licences of Ayurveda drug manufacturers

*73. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Drug Control Administration of Gujarat has cancelled more than 500 licences of Ayurveda drug manufacturers;

(b) if so, its impact on ayurveda drug production, looking at the ever increasing demand;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ayurveda manufacturers are opposing some of the provisions of Schedule T of Drugs and Cosmetics Act of 1940; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) It is not a fact that the Drug Control Administration